1	2	3	4	5	6
Maharashtra	357	296.17	551.41	3682.30	4529.29
Madhya Pradesh	70	120.48	131.89	400.57	652.94
Orissa	2	0.60	1.40	35.45	37.45
Punjab	131	53.89	28.70	493.81	576.40
Rajasthan	57	45.95	304.10	768.09	1118.14
Tamil Nadu	172	187.63	723.46	289.83	1200.92
Pondicherry (UT)	18	34.30	202.67	16.19	253.16
Uttar Pradesh	73	43.61	94.50	398.86	536.97
West Bengal	189	178.74	660.54	347.64	1186.92
TOTAL :	2183	2131.45	4187.81	9390.13	15709.48

Post offices in Gram Panchayats of Madhya Pradesh

*200. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 28 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd February, 1994 and state :

(a) whether Government have decided to set up a post office in every Gram Panchayat in Madhya Pradesh during 1993-94; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to achieve the target fixed, if any, in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b) During 1993-94, Madhya Pradesh was allocated a target of opening only 35 EDBOs and 5 DSOs on the basis of the resources allocated and targets available for opening post offices under the annual plan.

Post Offices are opened in Gram Panchayat villages provided they fulfil the departmental norms regarding distance, population and income, subject to availability of resources an dallocation of targets. In keeping with the above approach, Gram Panchayats in Madhya Pradesh, which fulfil the above departmental norms, will also be progressively provided with post offices under the successive annual plans.

Villages without Letter Box Facilities in Saurashtra and Kutch

1981. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARI BHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several villages in Surashtra and Kutch are without letter box facility;

(b) if so, the number of such villages, district-wise:

(c) whether Government propose to provide letter box facility in those villages;

(d) if so, the time by which such facility is likely to be provided; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Only 88 villages in Junagadh district are without letter boxes in Saurashtra and Kutch Region.

(c) to (e) Government's objective is to provide letter boxes in all villages in the country with a population over 500. This objective has already been achieved in Gujarat.